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In re Application of:)	Art Unit: 2879
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Taizo SATO et al)	Examiner: S. Roy
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Appln. No.: 09/936,289)	Washington, D.C.
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Date Filed: September 12, 2001)	Confirmation No. 3961
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For: SHADOW MASK MATERIAL FOR...)	March 20, 2003

REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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Replying to the restriction requirement Office
Action mailed February 26, 2003, applicants hereby
respectfully and provisionally elect Group I, presently claims
1, 2, 5, and 7-9, directed to the products, without prejudice
and without traverse.

Applicants accept that the inventions are patentably
distinct from one another, i.e. each is *prima facie* nonobvious
from the other.

Applicants hereby authorize the examiner to delete
the non-elected method claims 3 and 4 by examiner's amendment
upon allowance of the elected subject matter. Applicants rely
on their rights, including those under §§121, 120 and 119, to

proceed with a divisional application without any penalty whatsoever.


Applicants respectfully await the results of a first examination on the merits of the elected subject matter.

Applicants have claimed priority from their corresponding application filed in Japan on March 12, 1999, and, consistent with standard practice under PCT, the International Bureau should have sent a copy of the priority document to the PTO. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request the PTO to acknowledge receipt of applicants' papers filed under \$119.

Respectfully submitted,

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